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Stewardship

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

Restore the Endangered Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle for the 21st Century

Location: Texas – Corpus Christi

Partner(s): Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/Shell Marine Habitat Program, National Park Foundation/Unilever, Friends of Padre, Inc.

Total Cost: \$222,980

Proposal # 137580

Summary: High-profile, cooperative efforts to re-establish nesting by endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles have been underway at Padre Island since 1978. Nesting is doubling every 1-3 years and efforts must be maintained and intensified to locate and protect the nesting turtles, eggs, and hatchlings from various threats. This project would improve detection and protection efforts at Padre Island through enhanced patrols involving staff and at least 100 volunteers per year, and through education and involvement of more beach users. It would inspire, educate, and engage the American public in preserving this species for future generations through partnership, volunteerism, and public participation. It would also build capacity needed to manage the species as nesting continues to increase and this "endangered species success story in the making" unfolds.

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[A Kemp's ridley sea turtle nesting at Padre Island National Seashore]